

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled. Claim 33 has been added. Thus, Claims 1, and 4-33 are pending in the present application. Claims 23-32 have been allowed. Claims 1, 6-13, 15, and 16 have been rejected and claims 2-5, 14, and 17-22 have been objected to.

Claim rejection under 35 USC §103(a):

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 6-13, 15, and 16 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Norström in view of Johnson. However, the Examiner also indicated that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant amended independent claim 1 to include the limitation of former claim 2 which has been canceled. Furthermore, Applicant added new claim 33 which includes the limitations of former independent claim 1 and dependent claim 3 which has been canceled.


CONCLUSION

The application as defined in the pending claims is patentable under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 in view of the cited prior art. Therefore, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of all pending claims.

Applicants do not believe that any other fees are due at this time; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 02-0383, *(formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.)* Order Number 068758.0157.

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